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SUBJECT: NOVEMBER MEETING AT FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW AND DIPLOMACY
ON US-VENEZUELAN ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS; POSSIBILITY OF A
KISSINGER SPEECH

1. TODAY AT A MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, IT WAS DECIDED TO APPROPRIATE \$30,000 AS THE NAA CONTRIBUTION TO A PROPOSED SYMPOSIUM TO TAKE PLACE IN NOVEMBER AT THE FLETCHER SCHOOL OF LAW AND DIPLOMACY ON THE GENERAL TOPIC OF US-VENEZUELAN ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS. THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY DEAN EDMUND GULLION OF THE FLETCHER SCHOOL, WHO SAID HE THOUGHT HE COULD FINDS MATCHING FUNDS FOR A SYMPOSIUM WHICH WOULD CONSIST OF NO MORE THAN FIFTY PROMINENT PEOPLE, INCLUDING MINISTERS OF THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT, LEADERS OF THE VENEZUELAN AND AMERICAN PRESS AND --HOPEFULLY-- YOURSELF AT LEAST TO THE EXTENT OF A SPEECH.

2. NAA, WHICH INCLUDES PRESIDENTS OF OUR OIL AND IRON COMPANIES OPERATING IN VENEZUELA, WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FLETCHER STAGE SUCH A SYMPOSIUM BEFORE FINAL DECISIONS ARE TAKEN BY THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT IN RESPECT TO OIL AND IRON. ALTHOUGH THERE WOULD BE NO OBVIOUS JOGGING OF ELBOWS, IT WOULD BE THE HOPE OF THE SPONSORS THAT DECISION-MAKING MINISTERS OF THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT COULD BE BROUGHT TO A WIDER REALIZATION OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH THE WORLD FACES WITH REGARD TO ENERGY, SPIRALING INFLATION AND THE RISK THAT

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WORLD INTO ECONOMIC DISASTER.

3. TENTATIVELY GULLION AND I, WHO ARE OLD FRIENDS FROM DAYS TOGETHER IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE, WOULD THINK OF A SPEECH FROM YOU, A KEYNOTE SPEECH, REDFINING THE PRESIDENT'S POLICY TOWARD LATIN AMERICA BUT WITHOUT PINPOINTING VENEZUELA PER SE, FOLLOWED BY SPEECHES FROM BOB MCCNAMARA OF THE WORLD BANK AND VASILYI LEONTIEFF, THE NOBEL PRIZE-WINNING ECONOMIST OF HARVARD. MATCHING THE AMERICAN SPEAKERS WOULD BE SUCH VENEZUELAN MINISTERS AS GUMERSINDO RODRIGUEZ, THE INCREASINGLY POWERFUL DIRECTOR OF STATE PLANNING, AND PEREZ GUERRERO, AN OLD LEAGUE OF NATIONS HAND WHO FOR FIVE YEARS WAS SECRETARY GENERAL OF UNCTAD. ANOTHER SPEAKER ON THE VENEZUELAN SIDE MIGHT BE THE LEADING INTELLECTUAL AND PUBLICIST OF THE REPUBLIC, DR. ARTURO USLAR PIETRI, A

GOOD FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES. IT IS CONTEMPLATED THAT THE WHOLE SHOW WOULD NOT LAST MORE THAN TWO DAYS BUT THAT IT WOULD RECEIVE SOME PUBLICITY IN THE UNITED STATES, WIDE PUBLICITY IN VENEZUELA AND--IF YOU YOURSELF COULD TAKE THE PODIUM-- WORLDWIDE ATTENTION.

4. THE DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION WOULD PREFER THAT THIS SYMPOSIUM TAKE PLACE IN NOVEMBER FOR THE REASONS STATED ABOVE. IF GULLION COULD ARRANGE IT, HE WOULD STAGE THE MEETING AT ENDICOTT HOUSE. THE DATE, HOWEVER, WOULD DEPEND UPON YOUR CONVENIENCE AND I WARMLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU ACCEPT THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM OUR POLICES TOWARD LATIN AMERICA.

5. BEST PERSONAL REGARDS.
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